

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 30-31 were previously cancelled. In an effort to materially advance prosecution of this application, claim 1 has been amended and new claim 32 has been added. Applicants believe that no new matter has been added.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Contee for the time and courtesy extended during the telephonic interview held on 8 December 2009 with Attorney Wenskay. During the interview, the Examiner and Mr. Wenskay reached an agreement that the amendments proposed by the Applicants in the Proposed Amendment previously faxed to the Examiner would overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101 of previously allowed claims 1-29.

35 U.S.C. 101 – Rejection of Claims 1-29

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the reference to a “message filter”. Applicants note that that amended claim 1 is eligible subject matter because it is not directed to a signal per se. It is directed to a process involving specific acts involving particular machines, including the message filter. Therefore, claim 1 is eligible subject matter at least because it claims a process involving a particular machine, that is, the message filter. The message filter is central to the method invented by the Applicants, so it is not mere field-of-use or insignificant extra-solution activity. Therefore, Applicants request a withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1, and of claims 2-29 dependent thereon, under 35 U.S.C. 101.

New claim 32, of similar but somewhat difference scope than claim 1, recites the message filter in a similar manner as in claim 1. Hence, Applicants believe that new claim 32 is also directed to statutory subject matter. Furthermore, new claim 32 has been amended from its original form in the Proposed Amendment discussed during the Interview on 8 December 2009, so that it is qualified under 35 U.S.C. 101, as is claim 1. Hence Applicants believe that claim 32 is allowable over the prior art.

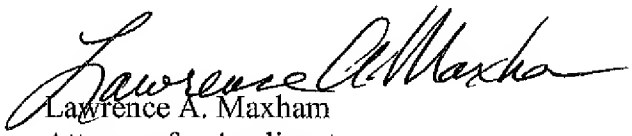
Conclusion

In light of the preceding Remarks and the amendments made to the claims, Applicants believe that all claims pending in this application are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration and that a Notice of Allowance be issued timely. Should there be any issues that have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney.

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